

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

We come now to the beginning of the second round with Weston enjoying a nice handy lead of three points and having a goal average of over 5, having only conceded 9 goals in 9 matches. A very good performance and effort.

All games will be played on Sunday and one of the most attractive matches will be at Edgeworth when Young Wallsend meets Jesmond. Two points separate the two teams and on paper they should have very little between them. Jesmond due to the experience they have gained, could be a little too much for the younger Young Wallsend team.

Dudley-Redhead meets Merewether Club and with 8 points separating the two teams area, it is hardly worth this forecast, but sometime the unexpected does happen.

Pan Hellenic will meet Charlestown and here again we have a large difference between the two teams on points and I doubt whether a man can expect Charlestown to defeat Pan Hellenic.

Kearsley journeys to Newcastle and you have to watch these Coalfield fellows a little quietly as one never

knows what they are going to do next but they should gain another two points on Sunday, despite their defeat of last weekend.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Weston and whilst trailing Weston on 7 points, Belmont-Swansea will fully extend Max Hamilton's boys, but the greater experience of the Weston players should be a little too much for the Belmont-Swansea players in the final stages and Weston should maintain their undefeated record.

In the Third Division competition we had nine rounds of fixtures without a drawn game and then in the tenth round, awards were made with two drawn fixtures.

The Saturday fixture this weekend should be one of the most attractive fixtures if not the most attractive of the round for Toronto Diggers are opposed to Macquarie Wanderers. The Diggers have played one more game than the Wanderers but are only leading them by one point. Macquarie Wanderers however have a more impressive goal average, 46 for 11 against compared with Toronto Diggers 26-15, so if one took this the home team stiffened.

they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

This weekend concludes the first round of fixtures in this Division and with four points covering six teams in the premiership table it has become a very interesting competition wherein interest should increase as the second round progresses.

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Who is the Secretary of a 1st Div. Club who is reported to have become so excited and jumped so high when his team recorded their first win of the season, that it is reported he suffered a sprained ankle on landing? (No prize for the correct answer).

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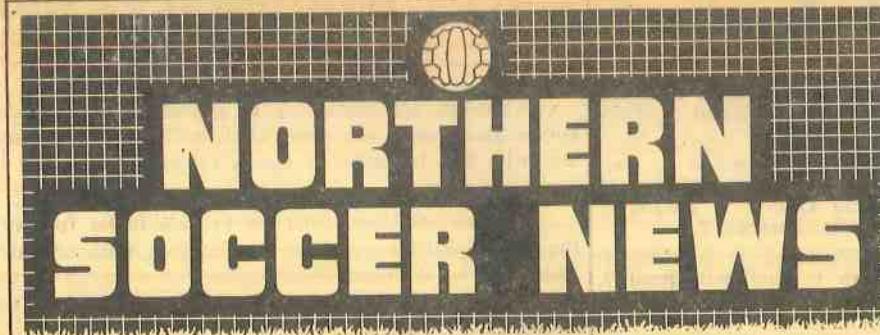
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Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Adamstown 3, Cardiff 1. Sunday: Newcastle Austral 3, Wallsend 1; Maitland 0, Cessnock 3; Awaba 3, West Wallsend 1; Lake Macquarie 2, Mayfield United 1.

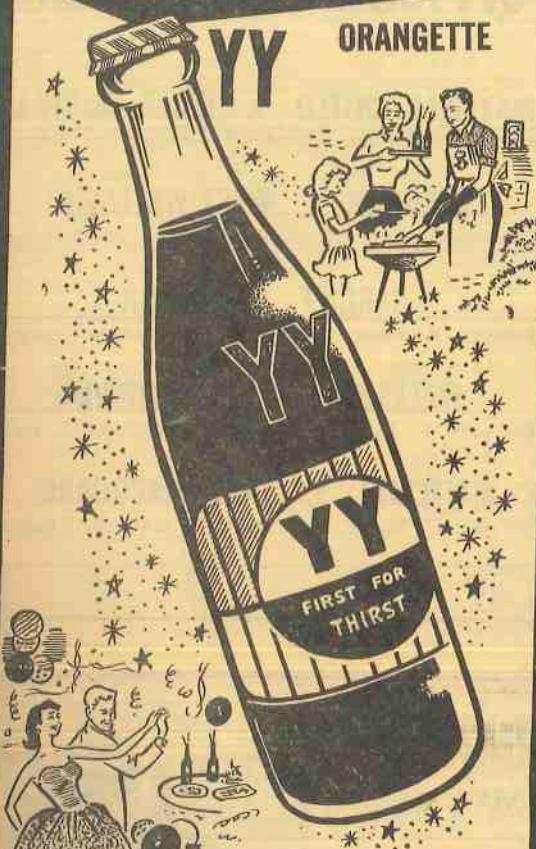
ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Saturday: Adamstown 2, Cardiff 1. Sunday: Wallsend 5, Newcastle Austral 0; Lake Macquarie 4, Mayfield United 1; Awaba 3, West Wallsend 1; Maitland 2, Cessnock 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Young Wallsend 1, Jesmond 1; Pan Hellenic 6, Charlestown 1; Dudley-Redhead 7, Merewether 4; Weston 3, Swansea-Belmont 3; Slavia United 1, Kearsley 0.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Weston 0, Swansea-Belmont 3; Young Wallsend 0, Jesmond 1; Pan Hellenic 1, Charlestown 4; Slavia United 2, Kearsley 1; Dudley-Redhead 7, Merewether 0.

THIRD DIVISION.—The Entrance 3, Bellbird 6; Toronto Diggers 2, Macquarie Wanderers 2; Barnsley 2, South Wallsend 5; Nelson Bay 1, Newcastle Technical College 1; Teachers' College v. Stockton, result not forwarded.

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AMPOL AND DANIELS CUP COMPETITION

Although not customary to provide tables for cup competitions, there are many statistically-minded enthusiasts who like to follow a team's fortunes from start to finish of a season.

It is to help them that we provide tables for both the Ampol and Daniels Cups competitions, both of which were won by Wallsend. Adamstown was a finalist in the Ampol Cup and Cardiff was Wallend's opponent in the Daniels Cup final.

West Wallsend defeated Awaba in a play-off for third place in the Ampol Cup series.

Elsewhere, there is a table showing the goal-scorers in each of the three competitions—Ampol Cup, Daniels Cup and League First Division premiership.

Here are the points tables:

AMPOL CUP

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
WALLSEND	4	3	1	0	11	6
ADAMSTOWN	5	3	1	1	9	3
WEST WALLSEND	3	2	0	1	3	2
AWABA	4	1	1	2	7	8
MAYFIELD	3	1	1	1	1	2
CARDIFF	2	1	0	1	5	4
LAKE MACQUARIE	2	1	0	1	10	2
CESSNOCK	2	0	1	1	0	1
AUSTRAL	1	0	1	1	1	4
JESMOND	1	0	0	1	1	3
MAITLAND	1	0	0	1	0	4
MEREWETHER	1	0	0	1	0	9
TOTALS	28	12	6	12	48	48

DANIELS CUP

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
WALLSEND	3	3	0	0	14	4
CARDIFF	4	3	0	1	17	4
AUSTRAL	4	2	1	1	7	4
JESMOND	3	2	0	1	8	10
LAKE MACQUARIE	3	1	1	1	7	7
ADAMSTOWN	2	1	0	1	12	3
AWABA	2	1	0	1	6	5
WEST WALLSEND	1	0	0	1	0	2
BELMONT-SWAN.	1	0	0	1	3	6
CESSNOCK	1	0	0	1	0	3
MAYFIELD	1	0	0	1	1	5
KEARSLEY	1	0	0	1	0	10
MEREWETHER	1	0	0	1	0	10
TOTALS	28	13	2	13	76	76

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THE RETURN TO F.I.F.A. -- WAS IT WISE, TOO SOON OR TIMELY?

By PAUL MACKENZIE

There is a school of thought in Soccer—and it rapidly gathers adherents—that the Australia Soccer Federation acted much too hastily in seeking readmission to the Federation of International Football Associations, which controls the game throughout the world.

I'm not a believer in that but, since it is a much discussed question it is of topical interest, so let's look at it.

It is also a question of no great concern to rank and file Northern enthusiasts for we in the North are, in many ways, only on the fringe of the problem, since the North did nothing to bring about the F.I.F.A. ban, because it did not have one player from overseas about whom there could be any question.

Some administrators in Sydney, who have persistently refused to acknowledge that they burnt their fingers in other matters are not so reticent about this matter, probably because they can shove the blame on to the shoulders of someone else.

It is now being stated—and not in whispers either—that Australia lost not only prestige but much money and a great chance

to advance its standards when it went cap-in-hand to F.I.F.A. after all the defiant claims that the Europeans, who left their clubs without clearances, were genuine migrants and that the surrender to the blandishments of Sir Stanley Rous, the F.I.F.A. president, were abject.

It is a matter of history

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that when the Federation, in 1957, was disqualified by F.I.F.A., it gained players of the calibre of Baumgartner, Tamandl, Sagi, Wenzel, Nainas and the others and that the standard of the game improved to some extent. It did not worry clubs that the players were in Australia without proper transfers. But the day of reckoning had to come and when over-ambitious administrators, thinking they were on top of the Soccer world, asked for readmission, they were badly jolted.

They not only had to fork out huge sums of hard cash but the flow of quality players dried up and cannot be made to flow again unless transfer fees of astronomical proportions are paid — fees much beyond the financial capabilities of Australian clubs. Even players on the second rung in overseas play are now costly propositions.

Administrators, who want it both ways, say Australian should have spurned F.I.F.A. for another five or 10 years, during which club football would have prospered and the overall strength and standard would have increased. It is said that one so-called advantage gained by the return of F.I.F.A. proved a handicap. That was the Everton team's visit which did nothing but show just how weak were Australian teams.

That might be one side of the medal but there is the other side which is much more interesting and at which I prefer to look.

The position is nowhere near as doleful as some would have us believe. Australia is placed just as were many other Soccer-minded countries in their early days

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About the point score

The Northern Soccer League premiership points score tables did not change a great deal in the first half of the competitions but some of the tall poppies are falling as the season draws on.

Wallsend got its come-and-uppance at Wallsend on Sunday — this was Austral's "home" game, by the way, so Wallsend's "home" record remains intact — when Newcastle Austral, brilliantly led by Tommy Garrett, who was also easily the best player on the ground, gave it a goal start and a trouncing.

That loss bounced Wallsend from second to third place, with Adamstown moving up to be second to the still unbeaten Lake Macquarie. And that sets the stage for a thriller on Sunday at the Palace, when Wallsend and Adamstown meet. And don't forget that Adamstown won at Adams town in the first round after Wallsend had gained a lead.

Austral and Awaba are breathing down Wallsend's neck, only a point away.

Austral goes to Mayfield on Saturday and Awaba to Cardiff on Sunday. If they can bob up and Adamstown maintains its good run of success, Wallsend could sink out of the top four.

Cessnock is coming good at long last. Its 3-nil win at Maitland on Sunday has taken it from the bottom of the table to seventh place, it going above Cardiff and Maitland, which have also gained seven points, on goal average.

West Wallsend, which

is China orange that there'll be many more changes before the end, with the distinct possibility that, as in recent seasons, enthusiasts will have to get out their slide rules to figure out the averages which will decide the placings of teams.

Awaba at Cardiff.

Frame and club officials hope the inclusion of Neal and Reid, who will be the inside forwards in tomorrow's team, will sharpen Schio's play. And it needs to sharpen, since Schio has scored only one goal in the last six matches.

Cardiff has done well to capture Neal and Reid. Neal is almost 30 but, till he had an argument with Banks town about the club's selection policy, was a successful coach of the top

side and one of its best players. He is a player with a wealth of experience and much "know how". Reid, who is 26, has been playing first grade football for seven seasons in Sydney and is said to be a top-class player.

To make way for Neal and Reid, C. Myers and J. Hobson stand down, but the defence will be that which played at Adams town last Saturday, although Frame may switch the positions of one or two of them in an effort to counter the mercurial Awaba attack.

The "new look" Cardiff side should be well worth seeing and a good line on its ability will be gained as a result of its performance against Awaba, which may have struck top form again.

ALLIANCE		LEAGUE					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
WALLSEND	10	8	1	1	40	13	17
AWABA	10	7	2	1	26	6	16
ADAMSTOWN	10	7	2	1	37	11	16
CARDIFF	10	5	2	3	23	15	12
LAKE MACQ.	10	5	1	4	28	22	11
CESSNOCK	10	4	2	4	13	16	10
WEST WALLSEND	10	3	2	5	21	22	8
MAYFIELD	10	1	2	7	15	33	4
N'CLE. AUSTRAL	10	1	1	8	8	32	3
MAITLAND	10	1	1	8	14	55	3
TOTALS	100	42	16	42	225	225	100

THIRD DIVISION

Because the responsible club officials did not forward the result of the Newcastle Teachers' College v. Stockton match last weekend to Mr. R. G. English, the Secretary of the Northern Soccer League, it is not possible to provide a detailed points score table for the division. This was the only result in any premiership not forwarded as required. Hamilton Azzuri, which had the bye, continues to lead the competition with 19 points and is followed by Bellbird 18, Nelson Bay 17, South Wallsend 16, Toronto Diggers 15 and Macquarie Wanderers 14.

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES				AWAY MATCHES				TOTALS			
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	4	1	0	13	5	9	3	2	0	11	8	8
ADAMSTOWN	5	0	0	19	10	10	1	2	2	10	14	4
WALLSEND	5	0	0	23	4	10	0	2	3	9	14	2
AUSTRAL	4	0	1	21	11	8	1	1	3	8	13	3
AWABA	3	1	-1	13	8	7	2	0	3	15	17	4
MAYFIELD	2	3	0	14	11	7	1	0	4	8	13	2
CESSNOCK	1	3	1	12	12	5	1	0	4	7	12	2
CARDIFF	3	1	1	11	6	7	0	0	5	8	24	0
MAITLAND	2	0	3	4	11	4	1	1	3	9	15	3
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	3	14	16	4	0	1	4	9	14	1
TOTALS	31	9	10	144	94	69	10	9	31	94	144	29
	100	41	18	41	238	238	100	41	18	41	238	238

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FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

MAYFIELD UNITED v. N'CLE. AUSTRAL

Green with White	Mauve with White
1. K. MINTER	1. J. LANZONI
2. B. SMITH	2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. A. WEST	3. R. DEAN
4. W. SHEEHAN	4. J. DOOLAN
5. R. BOLEM	5. R. MCKENZIE
6. A. LAMBKIN	6. R. LLOYD
7. B. LEWSAM	7. K. TWIDDLE
8. R. PRICE	8. W. BARON
9. K. MCGUINESS	9. T. GARRETT
10. A. SKELLEY	10. W. HARVEY
11. K. ROSS	11. W. PATON

Referee: K. Urwin. L'men: W. Gardiner, A. Brown.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

CESSNOCK v. WEST WALLSEND

Gold with Black	Blue with White
1. M. ROBERTS	1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. R. JACKSON	2. R. COOPER
3. K. ROWBOTTOM	3. A. WILSON
4. A. JOHNS	4. R. HUGHES
5. C. ALMONDS	5. B. PEARCE
6. T. SNEDDON	6. K. WOODS
7. T. BARR	7. W. GREEN
8. J. LENNARD	8. K. IRWIN
9. J. BARR	9. D. AHRENS
10. D. WILLIAMS	10. T. YEATS
11. J. PEEL	11. J. SHEEN

Referee: G. Muir. L'men: A. Brown, L. Motershead.

CARDIFF v. AWABA

Tangerine with White	Blue with Gold Stripes
1. G. TAYLOR	1. J. SMITH
2. W. WALSTEAD	2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. A. HOWE	3. W. FIELD
4. J. O'BRIEN	4. R. REYNOLDS
5. T. ICETON	5. J. PRETSWELL
6. C. MOORE	6. L. SHARP
7. M. BLACK	7. G. PINCHES
8. A. REID	8. D. FIELD
9. D. SCHIO	9. R. BURGOYNE
10. R. NEAL	10. H. GOODSIR
11. J. SNEDDON	11. B. SHARP

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: W. Turner, T. Ayre.

WALLSEND v. ADAMSTOWN

Red with White	White with Red & Green
1. A. HOURIGAN	1. J. DORMAN
2. D. MCKENZIE	2. J. McANALLY
3. K. NOLAN	3. B. DAYKIN
4. W. DAVIES	4. J. EASTON
5. D. MORROW	5. B. CLARKE
6. D. BULLEN	6. J. POWER
7. B. MORROW	7. D. JOHNS
8. R. GILES	8. R. BAARTZ
9. K. WHITMORE	9. R. HOWELLS
10. G. GREEN	10. W. COOK
11. K. PRINGLE	11. C. CURRAN

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: J. Carlin, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. LAKE MACQUARIE

White with Black	White with Blue & Gold
1. M. BAMBACH	1. K. GABRIEL
2. L. BUSH	2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. S. ELLENBACHER	3. R. CLUNE
4. J. MEIER	4. J. WOODS
5. F. RAUCH	5. J. WELLHAM
6. F. WOOD	6. L. WALSH
7. J. SNAITH	7. J. DOYLE
8. M. PARKER	8. W. WRIGHT
9. K. GRANT	9. T. PAJKOVIC
10. N. SCOTT	10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. H. SCHNEIDER	11. J. KING

Referee: F. Myles. Linesmen: H. Hall, A. Roberts.

GOAL SCORERS

Ron Giles, Wallsend's inside-forward, top the goal-scoring list for the season to date.

He has scored 12 times in League premiership matches, three times in the Ampol Cup and four times in the Daniels Cup. His total of 19 goals is three more than that of Bob Burgoyne, of Awaba. Burgoyne has scored nine times in the premiership, five times in Ampol Cup play and twice in Daniels Cup.

Next on the list is Ken Whitmore, Giles' teammate who, although not scoring in the Daniels Cup, has a total of 15.

Fourth is Dulio Schio, of Cardiff, with 14 — a good effort for a player in a team well down the premiership list. He has scored six times in the premiership, three goals in the Ampol Cup and five times in the Daniels Cup.

Here's the lists:

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP
WALLSEND—32: R. Giles 12, K. Whitmore 11, B. Morrow 5, W. Tisdale 2, J. Morrow 1, W. Davies 1.

AUSTRAL — 29: K. Twidle 9, W. Paton 4, A. Halpin 3, K. Solway 3, W. Harvey 3, T. Garrett 3, R. Lloyd 2, P. Dea 1, W. Barron 1.

ADAMSTOWN—29: W. Cook 6, A. Simmons 6, R. Howells 4, R. Dobbins 3, R. Baartz 3, C. Curran 3, D. Johns 2, B. Daykin 1, T. Garrett (Newcastle Austral) own goal.

AWABA—28: R. Burgoyne 9, D. Field 8, G. Pinches 5, B. Sharp 4, R. Hollands 1, M. Roberts (Cessnock) own goal.

LAKE MACQUARIE — 24: A. Pajkovic 9, T. Hinch-

DANIELS CUP

CARDIFF — 17: D. Schio 5, M. Black 5, R. Green 2, H. Faith 2, C. Gleeson 1, R. Hobson 1, C. Moore 1.

WEST WALLSEND — 23: K. Urwin 4, W. Green 4, D. Ahrens 4, J. Sheen 3, K. Kaiser 3, T. Yeats 3, S. Mulawa 1, J. Hitchcock (Awaba) own goal.

MAYFIELD — 22: K. McGuiness 5, A. Skelly 4, B. Lewsam 3, K. Ross 3, R. Price 3, R. Humphris 1, W. Humphris 1, W. Sheehan 1, J. Dolan (Awaba) own goal.

JESMOND — 8: D. Stanyon 5, D. Black 1, J. Field 1, T. Oakey (Adams-town) own goal.

AUSTRAL — 7: W. Barron 3, K. Twidle 3, W. Brough 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE — 7: J. Doyle 2, D. Field 2, T. Hinchcliffe 2, G. Mascord 1.

AWABA — 6: H. Good-sir 3, R. Burgoyne 2, G. Pinches 1.

BELMONT - SWANSEA — 3: J. Daniels 1, G. Richardson 1, B. Drinkwater 1.

WEST WALLSEND — 1: J. Sheen.

MAYFIELD — 1: W. Sheehan.

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GORDON CONWAY TELLS WHY HE QUIT AS WESTY'S COACH

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Gordon Conway, who came to West Wallsend's rescue a few seasons ago when it was without a coach and did much to regain lost prestige for the old club, has resigned.

In his customary, straightforward manner, Mr. Conway has given his version of the happenings which led up to him throwing in his hand. He is quick to point out that his decision was not forced on him because of personal anomalies but because, after failing to agree with other members developing to give the attack the thrust it needed, he sought the powers of a sole selector since he thought that, in such a move, lay his only chance of pulling the side from the doldrums. But others had other views and so company was parted.

It must not be thought that Gordon Conway is deserting a sinking ship. Far from that. On his reckoning, the matter goes back much farther than the start of West Wallsend's run of defeats.

He says West Wallsend began the season well enough and, in his capacity as coach, he devised a long range plan of team building, which included Johnny Sheen and Keith Irwin, whom he was

quest the committee refused, so Mr. Conway considered it better for all concerned if he withdrew for, as he says, "had no intention of trying to coach any more teams of which I did not wholly approve."

There it is — Gordon Conway's story, matter of fact, unvarnished and in no manner critical of anyone. No doubt, there are those in the West Wallsend camp who see things differently. They might like to have a say. They most certainly available to them for that purpose.



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He then asked the committee for full control of the team selection for the rest of the season. This re-

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

There were no surprise results last weekend, although Belmont-Swansea gave premiership leaders Weston, some anxious moments after conceding ground advantage they were only defeated 2-3.

Mereweather is at home to Pan Hellenic on Saturday and the visitors should have no difficulty in annexing the two points but a slow improvement being shown by the Mereweather forwards will not allow Pan Hellenic to take this match easily.

Each of the Sunday should prove very interesting matches, in their own sphereing and attractive. The first being at Jesmond, where the home team will be opposed to Belmont-Swansea. Only one point separates these two teams who both have a chance of making the semi-finals, so a win to either team is vital and important. Belmont-Swansea has a slightly better goal average than Jesmond an dofr that reason I think they may have just a very slight advantage.

Weston journey to Kearsley and ordinarily should have no difficulty in winning this match, as eleven points separate the two teams, but Kearsley ground, particularly after rain, is difficult to handle, so it will all depend upon the ability of Weston players to adjust themselves to the conditions of the day. Weston should have a comfortable win, but this could be the day when an upset could occur.

Charlestown will be at home to Slavia United and the visitors should be able to record another win.

Dudley-Redhead journey to Young Wallsend and with one point separating these two teams, another close vital game should be witnessed. This match will be a toss up as to who the ultimate winner will be, as Dudley-Redhead has apparently stronger forwards and weaker defence compared with the weaker forwards and stronger defence of Young Wallsend, so it should really develop into a battle of probing in an

endeavour to penetrate and a drawn game would not surprise me.

This weekend sees the commencement of the second round in the Third Division holding a slender lead of one point from Bellbird, followed by Nelson Bay then South Wallsend, then Toronto Diggers, with a point separating each team.

Saturday will see two matches played, the deferred fixture, Barnsley v.

Macquarie Wanderers and what could be a very attractive fixture, Hamilton Azzuri v. Toronto Diggers. Four points separate these teams, so Azzuri should win the match, but the Diggers will be making an all out bid for a win, as they know Macquarie Wanderers, with two

matches to play, could move ahead of them on the premiership table. So far Azzuri have proved superior in all departments, but the Diggers are a young team and speed may possibly result in a win to Barnsley.

The remaining fixture sees Barnsley at home to Stockton and this should result in a win to Barnsley.

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